Suggestion made by Chairman, Press Council of India

3804. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agree with the suggestion made by the Chairman, Press Council of India, for the Indian Journalists recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the suggestion and what is Government's reaction thereon, stating the decision, if any, taken/proposed to be taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Government have learned of these through newspaper reports. However, the Chairman, Press Council of India has not yet made any formal suggestion to the Government.

Regional Staff Training Institute for Air/ Doordarshan at Bhubaneshwar

3805. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a proposal to set up eastern regional staff training institute for All India Radio and Doordarshan at Bhubaneshwar and the State Government has already allotted 10.14 acres of land for this ;

(b) how much is the fund allocated for the civil work to be completed; and

(c) what is the time frame during which this institute will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 140 lakh has been allocated for civil works for 1994-95 for the Staff Training Institute, Bhubaneshwar which is expected to be ready during 1996-97.

Second Channel of Doordarshan in Orissa

3806. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to provide second channel for Doordarshan during the first year of Eighth Five Year Plan in Orissa; and

(b) if so, where Government propose to set up the second channel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) A High Power TV Transmitter has already been commissioned into service at Cuttack for telecast of Metro Channel programmes of Doordarshan w.e.f. 1-4-1994.

Announcers in Doordarshan and AIR

3807. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN :

SHRI J. S. RAJU :

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what are the norms followed in selection of announcers in T.V. and All India Radio;

(b) how many posts were filled up by backward, most backward and Scheduled Caste candidates from 1990 to 1993, year-wise;

(c) if not, why;

(d) what is the total number of posts in Doordarshan and All India Radio; and

(e) how many of them belong to forward castes and the details of their selection from 1990 to 1993, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The norms followed in selection of announcers in All India Radio and Doordarshan are as under :

All India Radio

1. Degree from recognised University.
2. Voice suited for broadcasting.
3. Fluency of the language relevant to the vacancy.
4. Acquaintance with music, drama and literature of the area concerned.